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LONDON FOR GLEYSTEEN

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: REPORTED ISRAELI PLANS FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. WE WISH TO CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO FOLLOWING ITEMS APPEARING IN TODAY'S ISRAELI PRESS REGARDING ISRAELI INTENTIONS RE CREATION OF FACTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

2. GOLAN HEIGHTS. PRESS REPORTED THAT BLUEPRINT FOR AN INDUSTRIAL URBAN CENTER IN CENTRAL GOLAN HEIGHTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE THIS MONTH AND WORK ON NEW URBAN CENTER IS DUE TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. INITIAL STAGE OF PLANS CALLS FOR ISRAELI INVESTMENT OF 80 MILLION ISRAELI POUNDS WHICH WILL COVER CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST 230 HOMES AS WELL AS SCHOOLS AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
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3. NORTHERN SINAI. PRESS ALSO REPORTS MINISTER OF TRANSPORT YAACOBI'S COMMENTS THAT ISRAEL WILL CONSTRUCT AN ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHICH WILL BE LOCATED EITHER SOUTH OF ASHKELON (WITHIN ISRAEL'S PRE-1967 BORDERS) OR IN NORTHERN SINAI REGION (RAFAH JUNCTION AREA). YAACOBI STATED THAT NORTHERN SINAI REGION WAS PREFERRED SITE ALTHOUGH NOBINDING DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN. DECISION WAS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN NEXT MONTH. FOLLOWING THIS, SOME 30,000 TO 40,000 DUMANS WOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR AIRPORT.

4. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT CONSTRUCTION OF RAFAH JUNCTION REGIONAL CENTER (YAMIT) IS WELL UNDERWAY AND THAT FIRST OD 350 PLANNED HOUSES WILL BE READY IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE FOR OCCUPANCY.

5. COMMENT. GOLAN HEIGHTS SETTLEMENT APPEARS TO BE ONE REPORTED EARLIER THIS YEAR (TEL AVIV 781). REGARDING POSSIBILITY THAT AIRPORT MIGHT BE CONSTRUCTED IN NORTHERN SINAI, THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT FOR OVER A YEAR, BUT HAS NEVER GOTTEN OFF THE GROUND. LOCATION OF AN AIRPORT AT THIS SITE WOULD MAKE LITTLE SENSE FROM AN ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW, SINCE IT WOULD BE QUITE REMOTE FROM ISRAEL'S POPULATION CENTERS, BUT THIS MIGHT NOT BE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION IN GOI'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.
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